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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
April 15, 2025
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE REGULAR MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
LAKEWOOD ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

This meeting was posted on the Town of Lakewood website and at the Lakewood Administrative Building.

PRESENT: Scott VanLaanen, Chair, Joanne Roy, Supervisor, James Bostwick, Supervisor, Michelle Moczynski, Clerk, James Beno, Treasurer,

NOT PRESENT: Peter Liptack, Assessor

VISITORS: Randy & Denise Jackett, Sherry Beno, Beth Hartman, Dan Muhlenbeck, Linda McKenna, Don Bartels, Diane & Brian Fitzpatrick, Janet Strohbusch, Bob Gartzke, Jay Frisch.

This meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by Chairman Van Laanen.

Pledge of Allegiance was completed at the regular board meeting prior to this meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda by Denise Jackett, seconded by Mike Musil, all ayes motion carried.

Motion by Dan Muhlenbeck to accept the minutes of last year's annual meeting held on April 16, 2024, seconded by Linda McKenna, all ayes motion carried.

Motion by Denise Jackett to name the Laona Bank as the Town's official depository bank, seconded by Linda McKenna, all ayes motion carried.

Motion to adopt an Emergency Borrowing resolution to allow the Board to borrow up to $25,000.00 in the case of an emergency by Randy Jackett, seconded by Dan Muhlenbeck, all ayes motion carried.

Motion by Don Bartels to set the 2026 Annual meeting date as April 21, 2026, seconded by Denise Jackett, all ayes motion carried.

Motion by Linda McKenna to name One Law Group, Mark Bartels as the Town's Legal Counsel, seconded by Denise Jackett, all ayes motion carried.

Reports:
Community Ambulance: Not present/no report submitted.
Assessor: Not Present. No report submitted
Lakewood Plan Commission:
Tim Barthel submitted the Annual Plan Commission Report. The Report was presented by Scott Van Laanen. Short recap of the plan commission which was created on April 30, 2005. It operates as a five-member commission. Current members were listed. The commission reviews Rezone, Conditional Use, Land Division, and Certified Survey maps in accordance with the Town of Lakewood 20-year Comprehensive Plan, then makes recommendations to the Town Board. Appointment dates were listed for each member.
Motion by Dan Muhlenbeck to approve the Plan Commission Report. Seconded by Alan Moczynski. All ayes motion carried.

Library:
Linda McKenna: The renovation and 3000 sq ft expansion project that began in 2022 nears completion. The committee raised more than 1.5 million dollars; no taxpayer dollars were requested. Areas were expanded and several new areas were created with the expansion. The 2024 library financial report is available at the library. The library is currently in good financial condition. Funding was decreased by $30,000.00 from Oconto County with the

possibility of more cuts in the future. The annual fundraiser Dinner will be Held on April 26, 2025, at 5:00pm at the McCauslin Golf Course and County Club. presented the Annual Library Report. Short Discussion followed. Motion by Randy Jackett to approve the library report. Seconded by Dan Muhlenbeck. All ayes motion carried.

Lakewood Fire Department: Not present/No report submitted.

Sanitary District:
Sanitary District Report was submitted by Maragaret Brubaker. The report was presented by Michelle M. Rates were increased in 2024 per USDA recommendations, the last increase was in 2022. The District turned over S14,295.31 in unpaid sewer bill to the Town in 2024 to be added to the tax roll. The required DNR replacement funds have been set aside as required. The debt is scheduled to be paid off in August 2039. The plant is currently running at 57% capacity. New requirements in testing may lead to implementing new processes at the plant in the future. The Wi DNR was approved and effective as of May 2022 and will expire on March 21, 2027.
Motion by Linda McKenna to accept the Sanitary Report. Seconded by Denise Jackett. All ayes motion carried.

Financial Report:
Annual Financial report was presented and reviewed. No Question asked.
Motion by Dan Muhlenbeck to accept report. Seconded by Alan Moczynski. All ayes motion carried.

Public Comments:
Scott Van Laanen: This is his last board meeting, he appreciates all the board members, all worked and get along together very well. He would like to express a special Thank you to Eric Johnson for stepping in to the volatile situation on the Fire Department to Alan Moczynski for stepping in at a time when we needed someone in the garage, very grateful for these individuals. Highlite one person who I appreciate so much, Michelle, working with Michelle was very good.
Alan Moczynski.: The Smyth Bridge project when is going to start. Scott thought it was 2026. Grant covering the bridge, the Town will cover the black top before and after the bridge. Mike M. mentioned that the Smyth family would like the old bridge, he was informed the County will be taking the bridge to recycle to cover some of the costs.
Don Bartels: Thanked Scott for starting out as Supervisor and stepping up to Chair. Asked about the reassessment of Lakewood, been out of compliance and should be reassessed. The Town board had planned and budgeted for Peter to do a re-assessment this year, but Peter said he will not do it this year, board was caught off guard by the refusal to do it. Don mentioned could be a fun board of review.
Randy Jackett asked if a disaster area was claimed by the state after the storm for funds since they already have had numerous loads of brush dropped off already. Michelle M. explained that she spoke with the DNR there are no funds for clean-up, but we can use our money we get from the CWPP grant to do an extra chipping this year at the brush site, she Thanked Randy, Jay and Ken for all the help the have been provided people when they drop off brush.
Alan Moczynski: Did the purposed Smyth Road bike path ever go anywhere. No, never got off the ground.
Linda McKenna: Water table is going down, has there been any talk about the Town providing water service. Joanne said they did a visibility study several years ago and the monthly bill wasn't going to be to high, but the cost of hook up was very high. Michelle M. mentioned that a couple of years ago another company came in and even another visibility study was going to cost 3 to 5 million.

Motion to adjourn by Linda McKenna. Seconded by Alan Moczynski. All ayes motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle A. Moczynski, Clerk,